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2. The indication in the International Search Report of the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office and the submission of an English language abstract for JP 2001-335490 constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP 2001-335490. Furthermore, an English language machine translation of JP 2001-335490 is also submitted herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

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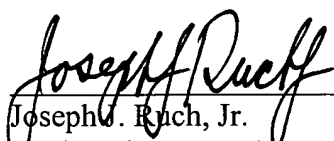
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